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### PROGRAM MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators of Participating Comprehensive High Schools  
FROM: Sandy Withers, Supervisor of Finance  
SUBJECT: #2007-01 – Update to Comprehensive High Schools Regarding Perkins IV  
DATE: March 21, 2007

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 was signed into law by President Bush on August 12. Also known as “Perkins IV,” the reauthorization of the program represents one of the largest federal investments in our nation's high schools and is a key component of our secondary and postsecondary education systems.

The new Act authorizes the legislation through FY 2012, for a total of six years instead of the current five. As with most states, Missouri will submit a one-year transition plan to the U.S. Department of Education in May 2007 to cover the 2007-2008 school year (beginning July 1, 2007). The transition plan will focus on development of key program components. Then, the following spring (2008), the state will submit a full five-year plan for public comment and approval to become effective July 1, 2008.

A copy of the draft transition plan was shared with attendees at the 2007 Spring Conference of the Missouri Council for Career and Technical Administrators (MCCTA). I thought it would be beneficial to provide the comprehensive high schools the same information.

We have posted on the Division of Career Education website important information regarding Perkins IV:

- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006
- Transition Plan (Draft)
- Perkins Timeline (Draft)
- Questions & Answers from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) website

To access this information go to: [http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/perkins\\_iv.htm](http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/perkins_iv.htm)

Please continue to check this website for important updates and information. We will be continually updating this website.

I have assumed some of the responsibilities with regards to Perkins that Jean Cole previously had. If you should have any questions regarding Perkins, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-4383 or [Sandy.Withers@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Sandy.Withers@dese.mo.gov).